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Unusually Good Pictures for the Coming Week at Tropico's Photo-Play Theatre, The Star

Wednesday and Thursday
"Bunny All at Sea," Vitagraph Comedy.
"Mr. Grouch at the Seashore," an uproarious comedy by the Biograph.
"The Power of a Hymn," a Kalem Drama, teaching a powerful lesson for good.
"Through Dumb Luck," Farce Comedy.

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TRUSTEE'S MEETING

Thursday, December 19.

Members and officers all present except Trustee Oliver. Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved as read.

Bids for Park Avenue Street work opened and read as follows:

Bid of T. B. Gridley: Macadamizing, per square foot, 4¾ cents; grading, per linear foot, 50 cents; curbing, per linear foot, 22 cents; sidewalks, per square foot, 8¾ cents.

Bid of Peter L. Ferry: Macadamizing, per square foot, 3½ cents; grading, per linear foot, 30 cents; curbing per linear foot, 22 cents; sidewalks, per square foot, 8 cents.

Bid of Fred L. Sinclair: Macadamizing, per square foot, 3 5-6 cents; grading, per linear foot, 40 cents; curbing, per linear foot, 22 cents; sidewalk, per square foot, 7 7-8 cents.

Bid of W. A. Dontanini: Macadamizing per square foot, 3 5-8 cents; grading per linear foot, 29 cents; curbing, per linear foot, 24 cents; sidewalks, per square foot, 8½ cents.

Bids refered to City Attorney E. M. Yynch for examination and report as to which is the lowest for all the work in the aggregate.

Major Payne granted a permit to lay roof drain under Central Avenue sidewalk.

Hearing of appeal from acceptance of street work on Acacia Avenue, commenced and continued until 8 p. m. Thursday of next week.

City Attorney instructed to prepare an ordinance regulating the planting of trees on the streets and in the parkways of the City, and for the pruning or removal of the same.

City Clerk Street instructed to request of the Pacific Light & Power Company an itemized statement of the costs and expenses of the electric lighting system installed under its contract with the City in compliance with the order of the Railroad Commission, for the files of his office.

TO AID STRAPHANGERS

Trailers on all cars during the rush hours is the latest plan of the board of public utilities, which has written a letter to the street railway companies informing them that some action must be taken to relieve the strap-hanging situation.

The board believes that all cars which cannot furnish seats to passengers should be equipped with trailers, which would mean practically every car operated between the hours of 4:45 and 6 o'clock at night and perhaps some in the morning.—Los Angeles Municipal News.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Of Comrade and Mrs. Abel Dufur Celebrated at G. A. R. Hall, Saturday Afternoon, Dec. 21.

Amid beautiful floral decorations, with a handsome silk flag as a fitting background and surrounded by over 200 guests, relatives and friends, Comrade and Mrs. Abel Dufur again plighted their marriage vows, N. P. Banks Post Commander, Rev. C. R. Norton, officiating, yesterday afternoon, when Comrade and Mrs. Dufur celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

This auspicious and happy event occurred at G. A. R. hall, where so many pleasant events are held so dear to the hearts and memories of the veterans of '61 and '65. The celebration of yesterday came as a most happy surprise to Comrade and Mrs. Dufur, who had been bidden to attend a reception to the Post Commander Rev. C. R. Norton and President of N. P. Banks Womans' Relief Corps, Mrs. Mae Burlington, and were most happily surprised when Earl Dufur, their son and prominent citizen of Burbank, met them at the door of the reception room of G. A. R. hall, and taking his little mother in his arms with a kiss, asked, "Mother, do you remember that this is the fiftieth anniversary of your's and father's wedding day?" Mrs. Frank Clarke and Mrs. Ben Ludlow, daughters of the happy couple were making the same inquiry of their father. With faces beaming with happiness Comrade and Mrs. Dufur were adorned with orange blossoms and then as the Fife and Drum Corps of Los Angeles struck up "The Girl I Left Behind Me," Post Commander Norton entered the auditorium of the hall, followed by Lawrence Ludlow, ring bearer, grandson of the couple, and the flower girls, Constance King and Frances Smith, grand nieces of Mr. and Mrs. Dufur. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Grisso preceeded the groom and bride, and stood with them under a huge marriage ball of white and golden hued chrysanthemums, while Rev. Norton repeated the ceremony, which Comrade and Mrs. Dufur heard fifty years ago in their home in Iowa, when the soldier boy took Miss Clara Day to the altar as his bride. A beautiful gold band ring, presented by Mrs. Frank Clarke, Mrs. Ben Ludlow and Earl Dufur, children of the bride and groom was given the father to place on the hand of their mother. The father received a handsome gold watch fob from the daughters and son. Following the ceremony Mrs. Mae Burlingham, Corps President, presented a very interesting program, which was interspersed with selections by the Fife and Drum Corps. Mrs. Myra C. K. Shuey, presented a handsomely bound copy of an original poem, commemorating the fiftieth wedding anniversary of the bride and groom.

Rev. Avery of Burbank gave an interesting talk; the Burbank quartette and Mrs. Ray Shelton, Mrs. O. K. Kendall and Rev Avery sang, "Silver Threads Among the Gold." O. K. Kendall of Burbank presented a purse of $50, contributions of citizens of Burbank; Miss Cora Hickman, a handsome gold bowl on behalf of N. P. Banks Post and Corps, of which Comrade and Mrs. Dufur are members. Rev. Norton presented a purse of gold coins, sent by brothers and relatives from the East; Tropico quartette, composed of Rev. D. D. and Mrs. Cheney, Robert Taylor, Joshua Haskell and Miss Hickman rendered, "The Old Gray Bonnet." Numerous handsome presents in silver, gold, cut glass and china were presented Mr. and Mrs. Dufur.

Following an informal reception a wedding supper was served in the banquet hall, which had been profusely decorated in ferns, white and yellow chrysanthemums. Members of N. P. Banks Post and Corps assisted Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Ludlow and Mr. Earl Dufur in planning the happy surprise which afforded so much happiness and cheer to Comrade and Mrs. Dufur.

BRILLIANT INSTALLATION CEREMONY

The annual installation of officers elect of Glen Eyrie Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was held at Masonic hall, Glendale, Thursday evening and the beautiful ceremonies were witnessed by a large assemblage of relatives and friends of those participating.

Mrs. Margaret McPeak Campbell, Past Worthy Matron of Glen Eyrie Chapter and District Deputy Grand Matron of this district presided as installing Matron assisted by Miss Cora Hickman, past Worthy Matron and Past District Deputy Grand Matron as installing Marshal and Mrs. Agnes Albright past Worthy Matron as installing Chaplain.

The personnel of the officers installed Thursday evening to serve for the year 1913 is Mrs. Luella Marden Bullis, Worthy Matron; Mr. Walter Conrad Fraley, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Pearl Collins Tower, Associate Matron; Miss Ruby Cleveland Borthick, Secretary; Mrs. Cora May Webster, Treasurer; Miss Fredonia Borthick, Conductress; Mrs. Mary Martha Emery, Associate Conductress; Miss Della Marie Echols, Adah; Miss Ada Carr, Ruth; Miss Grace Josephine Fraley, Esther; Miss Faith Olive Sence, Martha; Mrs. Mable Lillian Tight, Electa; Miss Alice Harriet Frank, Warder; Mr. Edwin Lincoln Parke, Sentinel; Mrs. Edith Marguerite Hunchberger, Chaplain; Mrs. Mary Ogden Ryan, proxy Mrs. Catherine Adelaide Imler, Marshal; Mrs. Fern Archer Roberts, Organist.

Mrs. Mary Ogden Ryan, retiring Matron was presented a past Matron's jewel by retiring Patron Daniel Campbell.

The ceremony was in accord with the following program:

Entrance of Officers-elect.

Violin Solo— (a) Minuet, Haydn; (b) Liebesfreud, Kreisler; Julius Kranz.

Solo—Selection; Margaret McKee.

Solo—"Beautiful Eastern Star"; Mrs. John Hobbs.

Reading—Selection; Edna Ormsby.

Violin Solo—(a) Canzonetta, Friml; (b) Serenade, Schubert-Remenyi; Julius Kranz.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

That force of about fifty men you see at work digging a ditch and laying a heavy iron-pipe line along the westerly side of the San Fernando road through the City of Tropico, is in the employ of the owners of a franchise for an oil pipe line from the oil fields about Bakersfield to San Pedro. For the franchise for the part laid in the City of Tropico, there was paid the city the sum of $1,000, gold coin, and for which there is still to be paid the city the sum of $250 per annum, on the first of July of each and every year, together with whatever the excess of 2.5 per cent of the gross earnings of the line are over and above that amount. This annual payment is to continue over a period of forty years. Two hundred and fifty dollars is 5 per cent on $5,000 and is considered a good investment by city's board of trustees, whatever their critics may think of it.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Donohue, son and daughter of Portland, Oregon: Mr. and Mrs. O'Rourk of New York City; James J. Donohue, of Chauhau, Mex.; Mrs. C. O. Mould, of Glendale, Thomas McGuire of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Whorton and son of Los Angeles; Misses Lauera, Agatha and Louise Eyraud and Col. Jack Hayden, wife and daughter of Newark, New Jersey; Jack Donohue of Portland, Oregon; Pat Gorman of Chicago, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Betten, Morris Burke and O. E. Burch of Tropico, were among the favored guests of the recent Gorman Donohue wedding reception at the K. of P. Hall in Tropico.

A Ridiculous dancing party was given in the Knights of Pythias hall on San Fernando road Wednesday night by a committee composed of Wesley Bullis, John A. Logan and Hal Davenport. The guests attending surely did comply with the request on the program which read something like this, "Wear the most ridiculous thing you can think of." There was an unusually good attendance and the costumes worn varied in style in quality, and there was certainly a "hot time in the old town that night."

City Attorney Baker informs us that the final steps in the pending court proceedings for the opening and widening of Brand boulevard through the City of Tropico will be taken now in a very few days. Commissioners to assess damages will be appointed by the court and will proceed to business at once. It has been a long, wearisome wait, but it will soon be over, thank goodness.

On the main line of the great conduits of gas and oil from the fields of Kern county for its fuel supply, and on the great overland, trunk line of the Southern Pacific for its transportation facilities, Tropico has advantages for all classes of manufacturing enjoyed by no other locality on the coast.

There is a growing suspicion that the Pacific Electric would help the people of Los Angeles to much to be desired homes in Tropico if it would just give them adequate car service. The Civic club is promised the best that can be done, though.

William Tatum, two weeks ago bought a house and lot on Grace Court. Wednesday he sold same at an advance of $300. The transaction was through the agency of Harry McAdams.

The Southern California Gas company is laying its main line of pipe for supplying natural gas from the north to Los Angeles through Tropico on the west side of the Southern Pacific road, just west of the Art Tile factory.

The Davis Grocery company extends hearty greeting to patrons and friends of Tropico. May they live long and prosper.

The Tropico Presbyterian church Sunday school had its Christmas entertainment last night as we were getting ready to go to press. It consisted of "Babies in Toyland," by Victor Herbert, the celebrated composer, under the direction of Mrs. Wayland Brown, and was capital.

E. E. Butler, late of Muncie, Indiana, has purchased of A. P. Mason the restaurant in the Gabaig block. Mr. Butler is an experienced caterer and will run an up-to-date, first-class cafe.

D. H. Imler returned Sunday evening from his Imperial Valley ranch with the limit of Christmas turkey.

Don't forget the K. or P. New Year's dance, Dec. 31, 1912.

William Wibletz, proprietor of the Tropico Auto Express is kept busy with regular trips to our sister on the south.

We wish you a happy and prosper- our New Year. Ask your grocer. "CLARK'S" SUGAR.

Edwin Evans and wife have taken apartments at Hotel Tropico.

Bassel Spear is at home from Brawley for the holidays.

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WANTED—John A. Treat to report to this office or Ernest H. Owen Co., 1106 W. Broadway, Glendale. Good news.

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The Root of Evil

By THOMAS DIXON

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(Continued from last week.)

SYNOPSIS

Stuart, southern lawyer in New York, is in love with Nan Primrose. His friend, Dr. Woodman, who has a young daughter, is threatened with the loss of his drug business by Bivens, whom he befriended years before. Stuart visits the Primroses.

Nan wants Stuart to accept a place with Bivens' chemical trust. He dislikes Bivens' methods and refuses. Bivens calls on him.

Bivens is in love with Nan. Stuart refuses the offer, and Nan breaks her engagement with the lawyer. Bivens asks Woodman to enter the trust.

Woodman will not yield and sues Bivens' company. The promoter tells the doctor he and Nan are engaged. Harriet Woodman is studying music. Stuart takes Nan for a day in the country.

Stuart pleads with Nan to give up Bivens, but the spell of millions is on her and she yields to it.

Nan becomes Mrs. Bivens. Harriet loves Stuart, but he does not know it. Nine years pass. Stuart becomes district attorney. He investigates criminal trusts. Nan asks him to call.

Stuart wants Woodman to end his suit against Bivens, but the doctor stands firm. Bivens aids Stuart in his investigation of crooked financiers.

Stuart's revelations aid in bringing on a crisis. Bivens promises to aid the Van Dam Trust company, which is in trouble. Woodman needs money badly.

In the stock market slump engineered by Bivens, Woodman and many others lose all. The trust company fails because Bivens, at command of the money king, breaks his word. Stuart faces his critics in front of Bivens' bank.

CHAPTER X.

At the King's Command.

BIVENS' plan would have gone through without a hitch but for one thing. He had overlooked the fact that the kingdom of Mammon in America has a king and that the present ruler is very much alive. A man of few words, of iron will, of fiery temper, of keen intellect, proud, ambitious, resourceful, bold, successful, a giant in physique and a giant in personality.

It happens that his majesty is an old-time Wall street banker with inherited traditions about banks and the way their funds should be handled. He had long held a pet aversion. The Van Dam Trust company had become an offense to his nostrils. It had built a huge palace far up town and its president had attempted to set up a court of his own. He had gathered about him a following, among them an ex-president of the United States. Gold had poured into the treasury of the great marble palace in a constant stream until its deposits had reached the unprecendented sum of $90,000,000 a sum greater than the royal bank itself could boast.

When the king heard the first rumor of the fact that the Van Dam Trust was backing the schemes of the Allied Bankers in their sensational raid on the market his big nostrils suddenly dilated.

At last he had them just where he wanted them. He signed the death warrant of the bank and handed it to his executioner without a word of comment. And then a most curious thing happened. The king summoned to his presence a little, dark, swarthy man.

When Bivens received this order to appear at court he was dumfounded. He had long worshiped and feared the king with due reverence and always spoke his name with awe. To be actually called into his august presence in such a crisis was an undreamed of honor. He hastened into the royal presence with beating heart. The sovereign glanced up with quick energy.

"Mr. Bivens, I believe?"

The little man bowed low.

"I hear that you are about to aid the Van Dam Trust with four millions in cash?"

Bivens smiled with pride.

"My secretary will deliver the money to the bank within an hour."

The king suddenly wheeled in his big armchair, raised his eyebrows and fixed the little man with a stare that froze the blood in his veins. When he spoke at length his tones were smooth as velvet.

"If I may give you a suggestion, Mr Bivens, I would venture to say that the Van Dam Trust company is beyond aid. The larger interests of the nation require the elimination of this institution and its associates.

"I have heard good reports of you, and I wish to save you from the disaster about to befall the gentlemen who have been conducting the present campaign in Wall street. If your secretary will report to me at once with the four millions you have set aside for the Van Dam company I shall be pleased to place your name on my executive council in the big movement we begin today. The other gentlemen whom I have thus honored are now waiting for me in the adjoining room. They represent a banking power that is resistless at the present moment.

"When the Van Dam Trust closes its doors today a temporary panic will follow. We will give the gentlemen who started this excitement a taste of their own medicine, render a service to the nation and incidentally, of course, earn an honest dollar or two for ourselves. I trust I have your hearty support in this program?"

Bivens again bowed low.

"My hearty support and my profoundest gratitude."

"I'll expect your secretary with your check for four millions within thirty minutes."

The king waved a friendly gesture of dismissal, and the little dark figure tremblingly withdrew. He had been ordered to stab his associates.

Without a moment's hesitation he gave the cruel orders that sent them hurling over the precipice.

When the president of the Van Dam Trust company failed to receive the promised millions from Bivens he called his telephone and, receiving no answer, sprang into his automobile and dashed downtown to the little main office.

When the clerk at the door informed him that Mr. Bivens could not be seen by any one, he drove back to the palatial house of his bank, smiled sadly at the mob in front of its huge pillars, ordered its bronze doors closed, walked around the corner to his home, locked himself in his room and blew his brains out.

For a week the panic held the financial world in the grip of death. A dozen banks had closed their doors and a score of men who had long boasted their courage among men had died the death of cowards when put to the test.

One of the most curious results of the panic was the revulsion of popular feeling against the daring and honest young officer of the law who had rendered the greatest service to the people wrought by any public servant in a generation. He was hailed as the arch traitor of the people, the man who had used his high office to produce a panic and carve a fortune out of the ruin of millions whose deposits were tied up in banks that might never again open their doors.

Stuart, stung to desperation by their infamous charges, attempted at first to repel them. He stopped at last in disgust and maintained afterward a dignified silence.

From the first day of the run Bivens had laughed in the face of the crowd that besieged the door of his big Broadway bank. He stood on top of the granite steps and shouted in their faces:

"Come on, you dirty cowards! I've got your money inside waiting for you, every dollar of it—100 cents on the dollar!"

The crowd made no reply. They merely moved up in line in stolid silence a little closer to the door. Each day this line had grown longer. Bivens was not worrying. The king had spoken. The folly of these people in their insane efforts to wreck Bivens's bank was making impossible a return to normal business.

Stuart determined to face this crowd and have it out with them. He believed that a bold appeal to their reason would silence his critics and allay their insane fears. He told Bivens of his purpose over the telephone, and the financier protested vigorously:

"Don't do it, Jim, I beg of you," he pleaded. "It will be a waste of breath. Besides, you risk your life."

"I'll be there when the bank opens at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning," was the firm answer.

When Stuart appeared the next morning a roar of rage swept the crowd. Howls, curses, catcalls, hisses, boots and yells were hurled into his face. It was a new experience in Stuart's life. He flushed red, stood for a moment surveying the mob with growing anger and lifted his hand for silence.

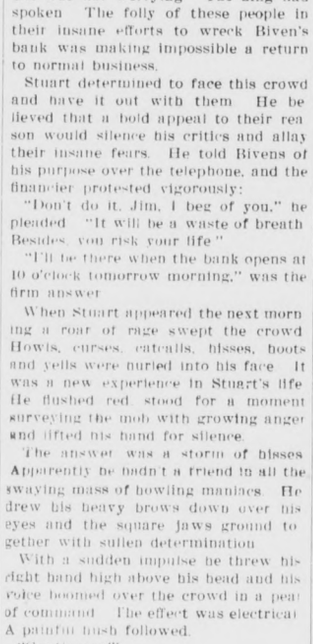
The answer was a storm of hisses. Apparently he hadn't a friend in all the swaying mass of howling maniacs. He drew his heavy brows down over his eyes and the square jaws ground together with sullen determination.

With a sudden impulse he threw his right hand high above his head and his voice boomed over the crowd in a peal of command. The effect was electrical. A painful hush followed.

"Gentlemen!"

He paused and his next words were spoken in intense silence.

"My answer to the extraordinary greeting you have given me this morning is simple. I am not working for your approval. I work for my own approval, because I must in obedience to the call within me. Long ago in my life I gave up ambition and ceased to ask anything for myself. You cannot destroy my career because I cherish none. The scene you are enacting here this morning is a disgrace to humanity. You have surrendered to the unmeaning fear that drives a herd of swine over a precipice. You have, by an act of will, joined in a movement to paralyze



He Hurled Him Down the Steps.

the motive power of the world—faith. There is but one thing that runs this earth of ours for a single day—faith in one another.

"You are scrambling here for a few dollars in this bank. What can you do with it when you draw it out? There is not enough cash in the world to transact a single day's business. Business is run on credit—faith. The business of a bank is to keep money moving and make it do the world's work. You are attempting to stop the work by the destruction of its faith."

Suddenly a man who had quietly pushed his way through the crowd sprang on the step before the speaker and thrust a revolver into his face.

A cry of horror swept the crowd, as Stuart paused, turned pale and looked steadily down the flashing barrel into the madman's eyes.

"Who started this work of destruction?" the man cried. "You—you—do you hear me? And I've been commanded by God Almighty to end this trouble by ending you!"

As Stuart held the glittering eyes levelled at him across the blue black barrel he could see the man's nervous and uncertain finger twitching at the trigger. With a sudden panther like spring he leaped across the five feet which separated him from the man who held the revolver. His left hand gripped the weapon and threw it into the air as it was fired, while his right hand closed on the throat of his assailant. With his knee against the man's breast he hurled him down the steps, wrenched the revolver from his hand and with a single blow knocked him into insensibility.

The spell was broken. The mob that hated him saw their chance. A yell of rage swept them, and a dozen men sprang toward him with curses. For a moment he held his own, when suddenly a well directed blow from behind knocked him down. In blind fury he felt the smash of blows on his face and head. A stream of blood was trickling down his forehead and its salty taste penetrated his mouth.

A sudden crash from space seemed to send the world into a mass of flaming splinters and the light faded. He heard the soft rustle of silk and felt the pressure of a woman's lips on his. Surely he must be dead, was the first thought that flashed through his mind. And then from somewhere far away in space came Nan's voice low and tense:

"Come back, Jim, dear, I've something to tell you. You can't die, you shall not die until I've told you!"

He opened his eyes and found Nan bending over him. His hand rested on her soft arm, and his head lay pillowed on her breast.

"Why, Nan, it's you! What's happened? What on earth are you doing here?"

He looked about the room and saw that he was in the inner office of the president of the bank, alone with Bivens' wife. He was lying on the big leather couch.

"I heard that you were going to speak this morning. I wanted to hear you and came. I arrived just as you began and managed to get into the bank. I saw that man try to kill you, Jim, and that crowd of wild beasts trampling you to death. Two detectives pulled you out and dragged you into the bank."

A doctor entered and quickly dressed Stuart's wounds, and turned to Nan.

"He'll be all right in a week or so, Mrs. Bivens, provided he doesn't insist on breaking the run on another bank by the spell of his eloquence. I hope you can persuade him not to try that again."

"I think I'm fully persuaded, doctor," Stuart answered grimly. "I've seen a great light today."

When the doctor had gone and Nan was left alone with Stuart an embarrassed silence fell between them.

She was quietly wondering if he were fully unconscious when she was sobbing and saying some very foolish things. Above all, she was wondering whether he knew that she had kissed him.

When her car stopped at South Washington square and Stuart insisted on scrambling out alone, she held his hand tight a moment and spoke with trembling earnestness:

"You will see me now, Jim, and be friends?"

He answered promptly.

"Yes, Nan, I will. The world is never going to be quite the same place for me after today. There was one moment this morning in which I think I lived a thousand years."

A hot flush stole over the woman's beautiful face as she looked steadily into his eyes and quietly asked:

"What moment was that?"

"The moment I looked down that gun barrel, saw the stupid hate in that fool's eyes and felt the throb of the insane desire to kill in the people behind him, the people for whom I've been giving my life a joyous sacrifice."

Nan smiled a sigh of relief.

"Oh, I see. Well, you've made me very happy with your promise. I know you will keep your word."

He pressed her hand firmly.

"You are more beautiful than ever, Nan. Yes, I'll keep my word. Goodby until I call."

And the woman smiled in triumph.

CHAPTER XI.

The Lamp of Aladdin.

THE clouds of the panic slowly lifted and the sun began to shine. A fearless officer of the law had struck a blow for justice that marked the beginning of a new era of national life. Slowly but surely the prices of stocks began to mount.

Incidentally a corner in wheat was suddenly developed, and the price of bread rose 20 per cent. Bivens was found to be the mysterious power behind the deal, and before the old timers in the wheat pit could marshal their forces to crush him he closed out his holdings at a profit of five millions.

The little financier awoke next morning to find himself the most famous man in America. His picture now appeared everywhere and all sorts of writers began to weave marvelous stories of his achievements.

Nan was insisting again that he make Stuart an offer to become his associate in business.

"I'm sure he will consider your offer now."

Bivens looked at her a moment curiously and she turned her eyes away.

"Why do you think he has changed his attitude toward me?"

"From something he said. That mob has written a question mark before his life."

"By George!" he exclaimed, his black eyes sparkling. "It may be possible."

"You'll try?" Nan asked eagerly.

"I'll not try. I'll do it.

"I've an enemy somewhere among the fallen," Bivens went on musingly. "Who is dying and leaving [illegible] fact that I have unlimited resources this man is constantly circulating reports about the soundness of my finances. He uses the telephone principally and he has started two runs on my bank within the past month. Another is pending. I'm going to ask Jim to preside over an investigation of my resources in the presence of a dozen newspaper reporters."

Nan stooped and kissed him.

When Stuart reached Bivens' new offices in Wall street he was amazed at their size and magnificence. The first impression was one of dazzling splendor. The huge reception hall was trimmed from floor to dome in onyx and gold.

Stuart nodded to a group of reporters waiting for the chance of a word with the great man. "Looks like a full house, doesn't it?" he said.

"They've been here for hours," said a reporter. "There are a senator, three members of the house of representatives, an ambassador, the governor of a Chinese province, a Japanese prince and a dozen big politicians from as many states, to say nothing of the small fry."

"Well, I have an appointment with Mr. Bivens at this hour."

"Really!" the reporter gasped. "Then for heaven's sake give me a chance at you five minutes before the other fellows. Remember now, I saw you first!"

He was still pleading when Stuart smilingly drew away and followed one of Bivens' secretaries.

Bivens came forward to greet him with outstretched hands.

"I needn't say I am glad to see you, Jim. How do you like my new quarters?"

"Absolutely stunning. I had no idea you cultivated such ceremonial splendors in your business."

"Yes, I like it," the financier admitted thoughtfully. "I don't mind confessing to you on the sly that it was Nan's idea at first, but I took to it like a duck to water."

In spite of Stuart's contempt for the mere possession of money, in spite of his traditional contempt for Bivens' antecedents, character and business methods, he found himself unconsciously paying homage to the power the little, dark, swarthy figure today incarnated. Bivens had become more difficult of approach and carried himself with quiet, conscious pride.

Stuart was scarcely prepared for the hearty, old fashioned cordial way in which he went about the business for which he had asked him to come.

"Now, Jim, this is your day; those fellows out there in the reception hall can wait. You and I must have the thing out—man to man, heart to heart. You can talk plainly and I'll answer squarely.

"I've got a proposition to make to you, so big you've got to hear it, so big you can't get away from it, because you're not a fool. You're a man of genius. There is no height to which you cannot climb when once your feet are on the ladder. And I'm going to put them there."

The assurance in Bivens' voice and the contagious enthusiasm with which he spoke impressed Stuart.

Bivens was quick to recognize it and strike at once.

"Before I present my plans I want to show you that I can make good my word. I have caused these reporters to be sent here today for the purpose of giving the widest publicity to the facts about my fortune. Another run has been planned tomorrow on one of my banks. I have placed my money and securities in the next room, so arranged that you can verify my statements, and at the proper moment I shall ask these reporters into the place and let them see with their own eyes. There can be no more rumors in Wall street about my financial status. Come in here."

Bivens led the way into the room beyond, which was the meeting place of the directors of his many corporations.

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SUGGESTS BIG CHANGE IN TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

Regulation Suggested by Engineer and Police Lieutenant Calculated to Relieve Congestion in Streets.

Changes in the traffic regulations have been worked out by C. K. Mohler, public utilities engineer in charge of the railway investigation bureau, assisted by Lieut. J. L. Butler of the police traffic squad, and submitted to the board of public utilities.

The board approved the changes and Howard Robertson, chief deputy city attorney, has prepared a draft of an ordinance.

Four radical changes are provided in the measure as follows:

First—Vehicles are prohibited from standing at the curbs within 120 feet of the next intersecting street on the side on which traffic is moving, but must stand within 10 feet on the other side.

Second—Vehicles must not form in a double line or pass each other while a passing car is stopping to discharge passengers, or while waiting for a traffic signal.

Third—The time in which vehicles may be left standing at the curbs without an attendant is cut from 30 to 20 minutes in the congested district, except on the west side of Hill street from First to Second streets and on Hill and Los Angeles stretes from Fifth to Tenth streets.

Fourth—Between 4 and 6 o'clock p. m. of any day, except Sundays and holidays, vehicles are not allowed to stand at the curbs at all, except to discharge passengers or merchandise, on the following streets:

Main street, between First and Seventh; Spring street, between Second and Seventh; Broadway, between Second and Seventh; Hill street, between Third and Fifth; First street, between Main and Broadway; Second street, between Main and Broadway; Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh streets, between Main and Hill.

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WOULD ABANDON PLAN FOR ARROYO PARKWAY

Councilmen Object to Project as Outlined Under Assessment Method — Entire Proceeding May Be Stopped.

Stumbling blocks in the way of the condemnation of property for the Arroyo Seco parkway appeared yesterday in the city council, and it may be that proceedings will be abandoned after five years' activity to secure the arroyo for a park. Members of the council are opposed to the condemnation on account of the complaint property owners have made of the growing burden of special assessments.

The members of the streets committee, Andrews and Langdon, presented a report to the council recommending that the city attorney prepare the ordinance to condemn the arroyo lands that are to be used for the parkway. This recommendation was opposed by Topham, the third member of the committee, who said that as the park would benefit the city as a whole the city should pay the cost of the park and not leave it to special assessment. The opposition was so strong that the matter was referred back to the streets committee. The controversy will be revived at next week's session of the council.

The park condemnation act was drawn largely by Howard Robertson, chief deputy attorney, and adopted by the legislature chiefly for the purpose of acquiring the Arroyo Seco for park purposes. The act was adopted by the legislature in 1907 and ever since that time the park department, the council and interested property owners have been working on some phase of the condemnation. The assessment district is being outlined in the bureau of street assessments and nearly all the preliminary work of the condemnation has been done.

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COUNCIL ESTABLISHES HOME FOR INEBRIATES

Institution Will be Known as Municipal Lodging House and Farm-Lease from School Board is Approved.

With $1000 appropriated by the council, to purchase necessary furniture, the new home for inebriates was established yesterday under the title of Municipal Lodging House and Municipal Farm. Three actions were required to accomplish this. The appropriation of $1000 was approved, the contract between the city and the board of education for the lease of the Parental Home was approved and an ordinance was adopted designating the new institution a branch city jail. This ordinance was necessary to legalize commitments to the Parental Home.

The new project will be chiefly for the purpose of keeping victims of the drink habit away from the source of supply until such a time as they can get on their feet. The prisoners committed to the place will be required to work on the grounds about the home.

The police department has long contemplated a municipal farm of this kind but has been met with many obstacles. It was planned to place it on land owned by the water department in the San Fernando valley, but the ranchers in that district raised so much objection that the plan was abandoned.

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The C. C. Harris Oil company has applied for a pipeline franchise on Curtis street and across North Broadway. The pipeline will be 221.75 feet in the streets and the rest of the way in private property. The application was referred to the board of public utilities.

Should Schools Help Boy Seeking Position? Is Puzzling Question

Superintendent Francis Asks Board of Education for Assistance in Handling Employment Bureau.

Whether a boy shall be helped by a public school employment bureau or whether he shall help himself is being debated by the board of education because Superintendent Francis asked for a teacher to be assigned to the employment bureau already in existence. Some of the members doubt the legal right of the board to so extend school funds but others believe it co-incidental to education.

The employment bureau has been maintained by the Los Angeles High school teachers' association but that organization can no longer bear this burden, the superintendent says. He asked the employment of a vocational teacher who will divide his time between all the high schools in the interest of vocational education and promoting the employment bureau idea. The bureau keeps in touch with business men and makes recommendation of pupils capable for particular lines of work.

President Guinn, Commissioners Bean and Mrs. Craig expressed the belief that it is much better for boys to go out and seek their first "job." Commissioner Frank said that the son of Superintendent Francis had been a "job hunter" at the Frank store. Other members thought the employment bureau worthy of mature thought before a teacher is assigned to it. Action was deferred until the next meeting.

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WILL SELL FRANCHISES ON REVOCABLE BASIS

Messenger Call Box Wires May be Installed Under Provision That City Can Take Over Conduits at any Time.

Messenger and district telegraph franchises should be revocable at any time the city is in position to install municipal conduits, according to the board of public utilities, which instructed the city attorney to include such a provision in the notice of sale for the grant applied for by the Los Angeles District Telegraph company.

Members of the board decided that it was likely that the city would in time build one big conduit and rent it to the various private companies and the board did not wish to complicate this situation.

In case an indeterminate franchise was granted, the city would be obligated to purchase the conduits laid by the company under the franchise, so a revocable clause will be inserted, the revocation to become effective on the city's providing space for the companies' wires at a reasonable rental. The franchise, in any event, is not to run to exceed 21 years.

The same provisions will apply to wires used by the company above ground. It was stated by a representative of the company that it was very improbable that his concern ever would build conduits of its own. He said the only thing that would result in the construction of underground work would be that it would be unable to rent pole or conduit space from the telephone companies.

The notice of sale will call for the payment by the company of two per cent of its gross receipts to the city and the minimum price for the franchise will be placed at $900.

It will provide that the rent or charge for district messenger call service shall not exceed the following: 25 cents for one mile or fraction thereof, 15 cents for the next mile or fraction thereof and 10 cents for each mile or fraction thereof in excess of two miles. It is further specifically provided that the board of public utilities may fix the rates lower than the above figures.

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MAYOR APPOINTS HEAD OF FIRE ALARM BUREAU

Executive Asks Council to Confirm Selection of Engineer and Make Peace With Civil Service Commission.

ACTION IS POSTPONED

San Francisco Expert May Decline to Accept Position Because of Enmity Aroused By Controversy Following Refusal to Exempt Appointee from Examination.

Mayor Alexander yesterday presented the name of Paul J. Ost to the council as his appointee for the position of engineer of the fire alarm bureau. The appointment was referred to the supply committee because of a council rule requiring the confirmation of appointments made by the mayor to lay over one week.

In his message appointing Ost the mayor said that he had no other choice as he had received the eligible list from the civil service department and Ost was the only name on the list. He is required by the charter to appoint from the eligible list. The mayor asked the council to confirm the appointment and settle its differences with the civil service commission.

Ost will succeed Frank O'Neill, who has been acting as emergency engineer of the fire alarm bureau for several months. O'Neill was appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council with the supposition that the civil service commission would exempt the position from the classified list. Strong pressure was brought to bear on the members of the civil service commission by the councilmen and their friends to secure the exemption, but the civil service commission refused to grant it.

May Decline Appointment.

It was this refusal that brought about the attack on the commission from Councilman John Topham and that resulted in the commission holding an investigation to inquire into charges that had been made against some of its employes concerning the examination of applicants for the engineer of the fire alarm bureau and the sealer of weights and measures.

Ost lives in San Francisco, where he is employed in the electrical bureau of the city engineer's department. According to advices received in the city he may not accept the appointment because of the feeling against him manifested by some members of the council. The position to which the mayor has appointed him pays a salary of $250 a month. According to civil service rules Ost could be removed from the position at any time within six months after his appointment if for any reason his services were not satisfactory and he would have no redress.

If Ost does not accept the position it is probable that O'Neill will be retained as head of the department and it will be necessary for the civil service department to call another examination.

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MANUAL ARTS HIGH IS OFFICIALLY DEDICATED

Architect Delivers Key of Magnificent Building to Head of Board of Education—Debaters Win from Pomona.

Official dedication of Manual Arts high school took place on Wednesday. A large crowd of visitors and parents filled the spacious auditorium and enjoyed the students' program.

The invocation was given by Rev. Reynold Blight of the board of education, following which Mayor George Alexander made a short talk comparing the present day schools to the ones he attended. Dr. James Blaisdell, president of Pomona college, spoke on "The True Glory of the Schoolhouse."

John Parkinson, the architect of Manual Arts, presented the key of the school to J. M. Guinn, the president of the board of education. Superintendent J. H. Francis then gave a spirited talk on "Our High Schools."

The program was concluded by Dr. A. E. Wilson, whose address was confined to the "Future of Manual Arts."

Hold Rugby Prom.

The annual Rugby Prom. was held in the girls' gymnasium last Wednesday. The Rugby artists proved admirable hosts and the dance was thoroughly enjoyed by their fortunate guests. The first football banquet was given to the members of the team by Dr. A. E. Wilson on behalf of the faculty.

Frank Parkinson was elected captain for the 1913 season. Parkinson plays fullback on the team and is known as a fine fellow and heady player.

Members of the winter '13 graduating class have adopted a gold class ring in preference to the usual pin. The rings are of the dull gold with an M. A. monogram.

Manual Wins Debate

On Thursday a rally was held in which enthusiasm was aroused for the simultaneous debate with Pomona, which took place Friday. Raymond Vandervoort and Myra Grether contended at Pomona, "That the United States should not adopt a universal eight-hour law," while Theresa Goss and Harold Morton argued the affirmative at Manual Arts. The debates at both schools were interesting and close, but the Manual Arts orators succeeded in convincing the judges of the soundness of their arguments and won at both ends.

The ability of the Manual Arts team is easily estimated as Pomona has one of the strongest teams in the south.

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FIND BRISK DEMAND FOR LIQUOR LICENSES

Dozen Applications Received by Police Commissioners Who Decide to Stand by Revocation of Broadway Saloon Permit.

After considering the matter two weeks the police commission came to the conclusion that it would not reconsider its action in revoking the saloon license of Beebe & Cohn, 618 South Broadway. Broadway merchants and property owners petitioned the commission to inflict a lighter punishment than revoking the permit, but the commissioner refused to change their minds and the Beebe & Cohn license is now vacant.

Through the death of Henry Albert Jones, negro, who conducted a saloon at 708 Stephenson avenue, a second retail permit is vacant. Eleven applicants have applied for these two permits and the police commission has them under consideration.

Mayor Alexander said that the permit held by Jones would probably be granted to the "best colored man" in Los Angeles but he did not then know who it would be. He also declared that it was not likely that the permit would be granted for the Stephenson avenue location as the police had had much trouble in the district. Whoever gets the Jones permit will probably have to hunt another location. William Jones, brother of the former holder of the permit has applied for it for the same location.

Those who want either the Beebe & Cohn license or the Jones license are: Henry Jones, 700 Stephenson avenue; William Jones, 708 Stephenson avenue; Rufus Hite, 200 South San Pedro; H. M. Morris, 367 South Central; Edward O'Neill, 417 West Eighth; M. H. Sommerfield, 200 South San Pedro; McLain & McKenzie, 1227 Palmetto; Conrad Winter, 301 East Ninth; Nience & Duncan, 413 East Severance; George A. Lyster, 168 South Central; Blaz Vasilj, 109 Commercial.

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Creosoted piling to be used in the construction of what is known as the Water street wharf at Wilmington is to be furnished by the St. Helens Creosoting company, the contract having been awarded to that concern by the board of public works for an aggregate of $21,293.25.

Commissioners Urge Municipal Ownership of Park Concessions

Application for Extension of Privileges Convinces Board the City Should Operate Enterprises for Benefit of People.

Efforts of W. J. Daze, who holds concessions in Hollenbeck and Eastlake parks, to show the park commission that he can operate in all the parks advantageously to himself and to the city only convinced the commission Monday that it ought to control and operate every amusement and refreshment feature in the name of the city.

The commission has repeatedly urged that the council authorize it to manage such features at cost but has never convinced the council. Daze made an indefinite proposal Monday to take over everything in the parks but no action was taken. The commission has made a modest start in establishing a restaurant in Griffith park by adding a public eating place to the one now maintained for the park forces, the same kitchen being used for both.

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APPOINT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE HARBOR

Citizens Gathering Selects Men to Probe Conditions and Determine How Money has Been Expended at Port.

Acting on authority granted by the Citizens' Committee of 1000, Bradner W. Lee, chairman of the committee, named a sub-committee of five to investigate harbor conditions. The committee is composed of E. A. Meserve, I. H. Polk, H. S. McCallum, W. G. Thorpe and Mrs. Clara Shortridge Folz.

This committee came about at a meeting of the Citizens' committee called to consider necessary changes in the charter. A motion to adjourn the meeting had been made and seconded when John T. Gaffey of San Pedro jumped to his feet and moved the appointment of a committee of five to investigate what he called "criminal negligence and criminal delay in harbor improvements, and to determine how the $3,000,000 voted for harbor improvements had been spent."

When Gaffey sprung this attack the meeting emphatically voted down the motion to adjourn until Gaffey's motion had been disposed of and with just as much enthusiasm voted in favor of Gaffey's motion.

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ELECTRICAL ENGINEER REPLIES TO CHARGES

Applicant for Position Makes Complaint to Civil Service Commission Declaring He Had Been Unfairly Treated.

DENIES HE IS BIASED

Scattergood Explains Why He Was Opposed to Stewart for Head of Fire Alarm Bureau—Says in His Own Services to City He has Worked Faithfully—Dislikes Publicity.

Disputing his civil service examination markings, A. T. Stewart, an applicant for the position of superintendent of fire alarm telegraph, charged that E. F. Scattergood, chief electrical engineer of the aqueduct power bureau was biased and that Scattergood had used the time for which the city pays him, to do work for private corporations. Stewart alleged that Scattergood had prevented him from acquiring an aqueduct position and that he had depreciated Stewart in an oral examination for the fire alarm position.

In an answer to the civil service board Scattergood asserted that he possesses no bias and that Stewart was unfitted for the position he sought because he had no experience as an electrician in this line of work nor executive experience. As to Stewart's charge that he had received outside employment Scattergood explained that he only concluded private work on which he was engaged when appointed to the city position and that he had given his time to his official duties, except when he was doing other public work, such as assisting in fixing light rates and examining the Hall of Records power plant for the supervisors.

Scattergood's Statement

In concluding his statement Scattergood said:

"During these three years I have been called on repeatedly by other city departments for advice, resulting in increased effort and responsibility and a good deal of undesirable publicity, without added compensation. During the past four weeks I have worked three Sundays, eight evenings and some other time in addition to the regular working hours and, in fact, during the past three years I have devoted time to the city in excess of the full regular working hours, equaling, at the very lowest estimate, 20%, or an equivalent of about seven months of regular time without even taking a vacation, and consequently have no excuses or apologies to make, but have felt it my duty to make this statement for the commission in order that the usefulness of the commission and of my services to the city might not be lessened by such charges."

Stewart, who made the accusations, was recently dismissed by the board of public utilities for irregularities in his work and for attempting to destroy some of his records. He was indicted for mutilating public records but has not been tried.

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UTILITIES ORDINANCE FIXES UNIFORM RATE

Board Decides on Scale and Rules to Regulate Corporations Furnishing Gas, Water, Electricity and Telephones.

COVERS STREET DAMAGES

Proposed Measure Will Set Exact Figure That May Be Charged for Installation of Meters—Governs Connections Within Given Distance from Building of Consumer.

Some of the details of the proposed ordinance regulating the charges to be made for service connections and meters for water, gas, electric and telephone companies have been decided on by the board of public utilities. The measure now is in the hands of the city attorney for re-drafting.

For water and gas it is proposed to fix a uniform charge of $9 for a half inch pipe and connections, including meter connections, $12 for three-quarter inch pipe, $15 for a one-inch pipe, $25 for an inch and a half pipe, $35 for a two-inch pipe. On paved streets 25 cents a square foot for the surface excavation necessary may be charged.

It is proposed to make this a uniform charge, no matter on which side of the street the main is located.

Make Uniform Charge

The question arose as to whether the charge ought to be the same for both sides of the street. The board decided that as the property owner did not have a voice as to which side of the street the main should be laid, that the charge should be the same in all cases, based on the law of averages. For instance, in connecting a half-inch pipe, the board figured that $9 represented the average cost of connecting all the houses on both sides of an ordinary street. If the main was located to the east of the center of the street, the actual cost of connecting a house on the east side would be less than $9 and on the west side more than that sum, because of the difference in the amount of excavation.

The probable deposit the water companies may be allowed to exact for the installation of meters will be $4 for a half-inch meter, $5 for a three-quarter-inch, $7 for a one-inch, $10 for a one and one-half inch, $17 for a two-inch and $20 for a three-inch.

A clause is included in the ordinance providing that water and gas must be furnished to any building located within 1000 feet of a main. The expense of the necessary extension to be borne by the company if within 100 feet and by the consumer if the distance is between 100 and 1000 feet.

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THE NATIVITY

"For unto you is born this day in the City of David a saviour which is Christ the Lord."

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and good will to men."

The Blessed Christmas Time

I walked in the world today, dear Lord,
Midst worth and wealth and fame,
Clasped hands with power and beauty, Lord,
With loveliness and name.

I walked in the world today, dear Lord,
Midst perfumes rich and rare,
Earth's choicest exotics poured costly breath
Upon the heavy air.

I walked in the world today, my Lord,
Through crowded halls and mart,
Where fruit or loom and press and brush
Each vie for glory's part.

I have come apart from the world, dear Lord,
Where the mighty rule and shine,
To find sweet joy at thy blessed side,
To feast on things divine.

Oh, the world is poor! I am rich tonight,
As I walk in the path of the star's clear light,
And I need no share in the great world's fame,
I am crowned in the faith of the star child's name.

—Christian Work.

The letter of Senator Works in this issue of the Sentinel will be read and appreciated by true California Republicans. It comes to us in reply to the question it discusses.

W. B. Mathews, who has been special counsel of the aqueduct department since its organization will become special counsel of the public service commission January 1. The contract for this employment was authorized by the public service commission last Friday and has been executed. His duties will be to advise the public service department on water distribution, power distribution and kindred topics. The news of the appointment is received in the San Fernando Valley with expressions of gratification over the expectation it raises of the organization of the San Fernando Valley into Los Angeles Municipal Water Districts for putting aqueduct water upon the lands of the valley.

The arrival of the San Fernando Valley Press, enlarged and more metropolitan in appearance, is noted. The change is due to increased press work facilities—the installation of a large new, cylinder, motor power printing press. The paper is in its tenth year, and has always been noted for its excellence. Always filled with the choicest of reading mattter with complete reports of local happenings, there was little room for improvement as a newspaper. It deserved increased printing facilities and is to be congratulated upon having the prosperity that has enabled it to provide them.

What has become of the project for a Free Labor Exchange the city council had under consideration a few weeks since? A city conducted establishment whereby those who want to work and those who want work done may be brought together. As the aqueduct nears completion the number who are released from employment increases. Necessarily they rendezvous in the city. They must find work at a living wage. Already, as we are told by the Municipal News, "the civil service officials report a pathetic stream of applicants wanting work." The places of the many thousands who left to join the Balkan armies were filled on the instant. Thoughtful observers see an "impending crisis" in the situation. It is not in Southern California as it is in the East, where out of door work is suspended by weather conditions half the year round. The great City of Los Angeles must take care of its mighty army of laborers. It is a matter in which every community suburban to Los Angeles is interested. The Free Labor Exchange would help all concerned in its settlement. It may be a concession to Socialism. In the opinion of some that would be a calamity. In the judgment of a large and growing contingent in every community, instead of a calamity, it would rank as a blessing.

Little or nothing is heard lately of the proposition to build an annex to the Presbyterian church of Tropico, for Sunday school purposes, and some have supposed it had been abandoned. The remark was dropped from the pulpit on Sunday last, however, that the Sunday school is about to begin a new effort to redeem its pledge of $100 in its aid by raising $65 more of it.

Mrs. Louise Wilbur, of Los Angeles, was the week-end guest of her longtime friend, Mrs. Edgar S. Ayres, of West Park Avenue, last week.

THE REJUVENATION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

UNITED STATES SENATE
Washington, D. C., Nov. 29, 1912.

Mr. N. C. Burch,
Tropico, California.
My Dear Sir:

I do not know what can be done to regenerate and save the Republican party. I hope something may be done. I think one of the most unfortunate things that has happened to the Progressive movement in California was the going off into a third party.

You are mistaken in saying that I gave it as my opinion that it was the duty of Progressive Republicans to support Wilson. I did not criticize any man for supporting Mr. Roosevelt on principle. What I objected to, was the manner in which the campaign was conducted in California, which was distinctly fraudulent and dishonorable. If Mr. Roosevelt had gone on the ticket as an independent candidate, the only way that he could honestly be a candidate under the law of California, I should have criticised no man for supporting him or made any protest against his candidacy.

The Republican party can only be rejuvenated by changing its management and its principles as represented by its old time leaders. Colonel Roosevelt and his followers should have stuck to the party and brought about this change of front. We were accomplishing that result rapidly and satisfactorily. California, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, North Dakota, had come under the control of the Progressive wing of the Republican party and other states were coming. Just because the old leaders had control at Chicago, Roosevelt and his followers were unwise enough to undertake to break up the Republican party, that was progressing to better things, by establishing a new party. It was a fearful mistake. It has created disruption and bitterness not only in our own State, but all over the country that will continue for many years to come, I am afraid.

Roosevelt's party was not a Progressive party at all. It was managed and financed, as the evidence already shows, by such men as Perkins, Munsey, McCormick, Flinn and others who have been connected with and control some of the worst trusts in the country and have done more perhaps than any one set of men to corrupt and debauch the politics and citizenship of the country.

If the Progressive party can be placed on the right footing, and made to be a real Progressive party, controlled by men who believe in right political principles, it may be that it will be wise for Progressives to give it their support and let the Republican party die, but as now organized and lead, it is utterly impossible.

No one having right ideas about political honesty and progressive principles could justify in his own mind the course taken by the leaders of the Progressive party in our own state. It has not only disrupted the Republican party, but is has divided and disrupted the Progressive movement entirely, and a great many men like yourself voted for Mr. Roosevelt but I am sure you must have done so with mental reservation and protest in your own mind against the methods that brought you to that pass. I do not criticise you in the least for the course taken by you in the matter of casting your ballot. You had a perfect right to vote for Roosevelt if you believed that to be the best thing for your country. If you were a party to the method by which the Republicans were crowded off the ticket, and Progressive candidates substituted in their place, I cannot refrain from condemning any such course as that. It is certainly an unhappy situation. Men who believe in the principles of the old Republican party as you and I have done for years, cannot look upon the conditions as they exist today except with a most sincere regret. I hope some good may come out of this state of confusion, discontent and bitterness. The outlook just now, I am sorry to say, is not hopeful or comfortable.

You are at liberty to make any use of this letter that you may desire.

With kind regards, I am,
Sincerely yours,
JOHN D. WORKS.

IN MEMORIAM

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our beloved Bro., James E. Shuey; and

Whereas, It is with deep sympathy and feelings of sorrow that we receive the ever unwelcome hand of the reaper yet we bow in humble submission to the chastening hand of Him who controls all life; and

Whereas, By the decease of Bro. Shuey, the Temple has lost a true and consistent member; his family a loyal husband and father and the community a wise counselor; therefore be it

Resolved; That we extend to the bereaved family our deep sympathy and love, believing that their loss is his gain evermore; and be it further

Resolved; That our charter be draped for a period of 30 days; and be it further

Resolved; That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and a copy to the press for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. MARGARET HIBBERT.
MRS. HAYWARD.
MRS. ANNA MAREK.

TEJON PASS ROUTE SELECTED FOR STATE HIGHWAY LINE

The Tejon, or "ridge route," across the mountains between Bakersfiield and Los Angeles, has been selected by the California highway commission as the way for the state highway trunk line. A decision to this effect was reached Tuesday night by Commissioners Towne, Blaney and Darlington, after two days of consideration of new arguments and affidavits filed at the office of the commission.

Reasons for giving that route preference over the road by way of the Antelope valley and through Lancaster and Mojave are stated as follows:

The Tejon pass route is 50 miles shorter and is practically a direct route between Bakersfiield and Los Angeles, and thus is more in line with the intent of the highway act providing for the most direct road traversing the state.

Conditions, in the opinion of the commissioners, were about equal regarding the passability of the routes in winter, but the Tejon route was thought to have an advantage in avoiding the alkali sinks. The grade was not a factor, as the survey over the Tejon route showed an easy grade throughout, and both routes under consideration across the mountains at about equal altitude.

Kern county will include in its highway improvement, for which bonds are to be voted, a road leading out of Bakersfield toward Tehachapi and Mojave. As a road through Lancaster originally was contemplated in the Los Angeles county improvement, the Tehachapi-Mojave section is not likely to be without good roads.

The route selected shortens the distance into the California oil fields materially for automobile runs from Los Angeles. It touches the western end of the Antelope valley, which means that the valley will ultimately have two good roads.—Antelope Valley Gazette.

K. OF P. NOTES.

A class of nine candidates was given the third degree rank of knight by the Knights of Pythias lodge of this place in their hall on San Fernando road Monday evening, December 16, Robert Danner, proprietor of the O. K. market, Earl V. Coleman, salesman with the Davis Grocery Co., A. J. McAdams, manager of the Tropico Lumber Co., C. L. Laird, with the Tropico Lumber Co., Dr. Wm. Mabry, city health officer, D. C. Lovel, barber, Densel Jennings of H. A. Jennings & Son, blacksmiths, Tropico, William T. Wintz, with Los Angeles Water Co., Burbank Cal., A. P. Stone, rancher, Tropico. Following the initiation services an elaborate oyster supper was served in the spacious dining room. Mr. Cressey, chairman of the social committee, had charge of the "eats" and was toastmaster of the evening. Plates were laid for about eighty guests. The "spread" was of such a nature that the recruits stated afterward that they would ride the goat again if the lodge would "come through with a hand-out of that class."

SANTA CLAUS SURELY THERE.

On the invitation of the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters of Tropico, "Santa Claus" was on hand in all his glory at the K. of P. hall on Tuesday night of last week. He was there by appointment to assist in the entertainment of the small people of the city between the ages of four and eleven. Previous to his arrival he had caused a huge Christmas tree to be planted on the stage at the south of the spacious hall, which he had laden with hundreds of beautiful presents. An attempt at a registration of the expected guests had been made, but had failed, and in order that none might go away unprovided for from Grand Old Santa's unlimited supply of the things in which children revel with delight, an extra sack was brought along.

It was well after eight when the entertainment opened. A great host of the young of the city had assembled and were seated in the honor ranks facing the gorgeous tree, the illumination of which was the first thing on the program. The effect was splendid and brought from the little folks hearty expressions of surprise and delight. Surely Santa was a wonder worker. Following the night scene and the magical figurations of the tree, the lamps were lighted and after a brief program of music and a reading by Mr. W. H. Hibbert of a legend in verse of the sailor's return in answer to his little baby Bessie's Christmas-eve prayer, the distribution of the simple but not less gratifying gifts began. It is no different with children than with with people of mature age. With them as with others the value of a gift is measured by the spirit in which it is given, the spirit of true kindness and love.

The program of the entertainment was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hibbert, and needless to say, everything moved along smoothly.

The event added distinctively to the laurels of the Pythian Knights and Sisters have won in the social life of Tropico, not only because of their open-handed hospitality but their freedom from exclusiveness.

THE KNIGHTS of PYTHIAS of TROPICO are certainly a live bunch and they are doing much to interest their members and benefit the community. Wednesday night thirty-six members of the order paid Miradero lodge of Glendale a visit, the occasion being a visit to Glendale by Grand Chancellor and Grand K. of R. & R. of San Francisco.

George H. Betten, of Santa Marie, Cal., and Mrs. Chas. Treloar, of Santa Barbara, are guests for the holiday season of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Betten, at their home in this city.

DEATHS

Died: At her home on Dunbarton Street, City of Tropico, December 20, 1912, Menime Agard, widow, aged 70. Funeral from Pulliam's Undertaking Parlors, Glendale. Interment at Forest Lawn cemetery.

Died, Dec. 23, 1912, at the home of her son, Dr. Samuel A. Pollock, Park Avenue, Tropico, Martha Pollock. Funeral from Pulliam's Undertaking Parlors, Glendale, Dec. 24, 1912, at 2 p. m. Interment at Grand View cemetery.

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ANGELUS TRACT NOTES.

The Pacific Home Builders are doing things there in the Angeles Tract of Tropico, and big things too. The start was made today on eighteen new bungalow residences. Nearly all are on Gardena Avenue. Part will be a story and a half high, with aeroplane top. All will range in capacity from 5 to 8 rooms. Seven are sold to parties who will make of them their permanent homes as soon as completed.

The ten thousand dollar mansion, built for a private residence on the San Fernando road by the Pacific Home Builders, is nearing completion. This will be the leading show place of Tropico.

The Pacific Home Builders will begin opening up the Angeles Park Tract Addition to Tropico in the City of Los Angeles on the first of January, next. Pipe for gas and water mains are being assembled, the ditches for which have already been started.

Edgar S. Ayres, structural engineer, of West Park Avenue, is on an automobile trip to Tehachapi on an errand connected with nis occupation.

Mrs. Stuart M. Street entertained in honor of her husband's birthday a few days ago. The guests of the occasion were relatives and particular friends of the family, of Los Angeles and Tropico.

NOTICE OF SALE OF ELECTRIC POLE AND WIRE FRANCHISE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that an application has been made to the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, for a certain franchise granting the right to construct and for the period of forty (40) years to operate and maintain an electric pole and wire system upon all the streets, alleys and thoroughfares in the City of Tropico, together with certain appurtenant and incident rights hereinafter mentioned.

And that it is proposed by said Board of Trustees to offer for sale and grant to the highest bidder said franchise upon the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned. That said franchise is described as follows, to-wit:

A franchise to construct and for the period of forty years to operate and maintain an electire pole and wire system for the purpose of conducting, transmitting and distributing electricity and electrical energy for lighting, heating and power purposes and for any and all other purposes for which electricity can be used, upon and along all the streets, alleys and thoroughfares in the City of Tropico.

Together with the right to construct and maintain crossarms, conductors, guy wires, insulators and any and all other necessary or convenient appliances or attachments.

That the terms and conditions upon which said franchise will be offered for sale and granted are the following:

That the pole and wire system to be constructed under this franchise shall be built in a good and workmanlike manner and of good material, and that all wires, extending over and along any of said streets, alleys or thoroughfares shall be placed at least twenty (20) feet from the ground and shall be thoroughly insulated and protected by guard wires wherever the Board of Trustees shall deem it necessary, and that all poles to be erected and maintained hereunder shall be at least eight (8) inches in diameter at the base and six (6) inches in diameter at the top, and at least twenty-five (25) feet in height, and shall be of good material, as aforesaid, and shall be erected, located and maintained in conformity with instructions from the Board of Trustees.

And unless otherwise ordered, all poles shall be placed flush with the outer edge of the highways where there are no sidewalks and flush with the curb lines where there are sidewalks, and adjacent poles shall not be placed nearer together than one hundred feet, except at cross-roads. When any of said poles or wires shall become an obstruction to the use of said highways or dangerous to the users thereof, said Board of Trustees shall have the right to order them removed at the expense of the grantee of this franchise, his or its successors or assigns.

And in the event that said grantee or his or its successors or assigns shall fail to comply with any instructions of said Board of Trustees with respect to the location, erection or maintenance of said poles and wires, or any of them within ten days after the service of written notice upon said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, requiring compliance therewith, then said Board of Trustees may immediately do the work on said electric system necessary to carry out said instructions, at the cost and expense of said grantee his or its successors or assigns, which cost, by the acceptance of this franchise, said grantee, his or its successors or assigns agree to pay upon demand.

That the work of constructing said pole and wire system shall be commenced in good faith within not more than four months from the date of the granting of said franchise, and shall be continuously prosecuted thereafter in good faith and without unnecessary or avoidable intermission or delay; that said work of construction shall be completed within not more than three years theerafter; and that if said work be not so commenced, prosecuted or completed within the times or in the manner specified said franchise shall be forfeited.

That all persons residing along the line of said pole line shall be entitled to receive an adequate supply of electricity for lighting, heating or power purposes, and that the grantee of said franchise, his successors or assigns, shall upon request from any person residing along the line of said pole line, and upon the payment of his, its or their reasonable charges for making the connection and for furnishing electricity, furnish to such person, an adequate supply of electricity for lighting, heating or power use.

That the Board of Trustees of said City of Tropico, or other legally constituted authority, shall have the right to regulate and fix the charges of said grantee, his ,its or their successors or assigns, for electricity, furnished and distributed over, along and through said system, provided that the rates to be fixed shall be reasonable, and provided said Board of Trustees is authorized by law to fix such charges.

That the said grantee and his or its successors or assigns shall during the life of said franchise, pay to the City of Tropico, in lawful money of the United States, two per cent. of the gross annual receipts of such grantee, and his or its successors or assigns, arising from the use, operation or possession of said franchise, including moneys received for the use, sale, rental or furnishing of electricity for power, light, heat, or any other purpose whatever. No percentage shall be paid for the first five years, succeeding date of said franchise, but thereafter such percentage shall be paid annually.

And it shall be the duty of the grantee of said franchise and of his or its successors or assigns, to file with the Clerk of the Board of Trustees at the expiration of six years from the date of granting of said franchise, and at the expiration of each and every year thereafter, a statement, verified by the oath of said grantee or his or its successors or assigns or by oath of the manager or presiding officer of said grantee or his or its successors or assigns, showing in detail the total gross earnings collected or received by said grantee or his or its successors or assigns during the preceeding twelve months for the use, sale, rental or furnishing of electricity for power, light, heat or any other purpose whatever, from any part of the system for the construction and operation of which said franchise is granted and within ten days after the time for filing the aforesaid statement it shall be the duty of said grantee and his or its successors or assigns to pay to the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico the aggregate sum of the said percentage upon the amount of the gross annual receipts arising from the use, operation or possession of said franchise, and if the amount paid is incorrect in the judgment of the Board of Trustees they may order the payment of such additional sum as they may find due hereunder, and if not paid, the same may be collected by suit. And any neglect, omission or refusal by said grantee or his ir its successors or assigns to file said verified statement or to pay the said percentage of the said gross annual receipts at the times or in the manner hereinbefore provided shall ipso facto work a forfeiture of said franchise and of all rights thereunder to the City of Tropico.

That the said grantee or his or its successors or assigns shall not sell, transfer or assign said franchise or any of the rights or privileges granted thereby, except by a duly executed instrument in writing filed in the office of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico; and provided further, that nothing in said franchise contained shall be construed to grant to said grantee or his or its successors or assigns any right to sell, transfer or assign said franchise or any of the rights or privileges thereby granted except in the manner aforesaid.

That any neglect, failure or refusal to comply with any of the conditions of said franchise shall thereupon immediately ipso facto effect a forfeiture thereof, and the said city, by its Board of Trustees may thereupon declare said franchise forfeited, and may exclude said grantee or his or its successors or assigns from further use of the highways of said city under said franchise; and said grantee or his or its successors or assigns shall thereupon and immediately surrender all rights in and to the same, and said franchise shall be deemed and shall remain, null, void and of no effect.

Notice is also hereby given that sealed bids in writing will be received at the office of the City Clerk of said City of Tropico for said franchise up to 8 p. m. of January 23rd, 1913 and that the bids received will be opened at that time, that all bids must be for the payment of a stated sum in gold coin of the United States; and that the franchise will be struck off, sold and awarded to the person, firm or corporation who shall make the highest cash bid therefor; provided, only, that at the time of opening said bids, any responsible person, firm or corporation, present or represented, may bid for said franchise a sum not less than ten per cent. above the highest sealed bid therefor, and that said bid so made may be raised not less than ten per cent. by any other responsible bidder, and said bidding may so continue until finally said franchise shall be struck off, sold and awarded by said Board of Trustees to the highest bidder therefor in gold coin of the United States.

Each sealed bid must be accompanied with cash or a certified check payable to the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, for the full amount of said bid, and no sealed bid will be considered unless said cash or check is enclosed therewith; and the successful bidder must deposit at least ten per cent. of the amount of his bid with the Clerk of said city before said franchise will be struck off to him, and if he shall fail to make such deposit immediately his bid will not be received and will be considered as void, and said franchise will then and there be again offered for sale to the bidder who shall make the highest cash bid therefor, subject to the same conditions as to deposit as above mentioned. Said procedure will be had until said franchise is struck off, sold and awarded to a bidder who shall make the necessary deposit of at least ten per cent. of the amount of his bid as herein provided. Said successful bidder shall deposit with the Clerk within twenty-four hours after the acceptance of his bid the remaining ninety per cent. of the amount thereof, and in case he or it fails to do so, then the said deposit heretofore made will be forfeited, and the award of said franchise will be void, and said franchise will then and there, by said Board of Trustees be again offered for sale to the highest bidder therefor, in the same manner and under the same restrictions as hereinbefore provided, and in case said bidder fails to deposit with the Clerk the remaining ninety per cent. of his bid within twenty-four hours after its acceptance, the award to him of said franchise will be set aside, and the deposit theretofore made by him will be forfeited, and no further proceedings for the sale of said franchise will be had until the same shall be re-advertised for sale.

Notice is also hereby given that the successful bidder for said franchise must within five days after said franchise is awarded to him or it, file with the said Board of Trustees a bond running to said city in the penal sum of One Thousand ($1,000.00) dollars with at least two good and sufficient sureties to be approved by said Board of Trustees, conditioned that said bidder shall well and truly observe, fulfill and perform each and every term and condition of said franchise, and that in case of any breach of condition of said bond the whole amount of the penal sum therein named shall be taken and deemed to be liquidated damages, and shall be recoverable from the principal and sureties upon said bond. If said bond be not so filed, the award of said franchise will be set aside, and any money paid therefor will be forfeited.

That the grantee or said franchise or assigns shall be required to file a written acceptance of the terms and conditions hereof with the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of said City of Tropico within thirty days after the passage of the ordinance granting the same.

By order of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, California.

S. M. STREET,
City Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Trustees, City of Tropico.

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of November, 1912.

C. A. BANCROFT,
President of the Board of Trustees of the iCty of Tropico.
(Seal)
Attest:
S. M. STREET,
City Clerk of the City of Tropico.

State of California, City of Tropico, ss.

I, S. M. Street, City Clerk of the City of Tropico, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, State of California, and signed by the President of said Board at a regular meeting thereof, held the 29th of November, 1912, and that the same was passed by the following vote, to-wit:

Ayes: Bancroft, Webster, Hobbs, Oliver and Conrad.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

S. M. STREET,
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